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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Regarding the removal of restrictions it is stated that local boards will be permitted to appoint L.I.Ms. in rural dispensaries. May I know whether the licensed Indian medical graduates will be placed on the same footing as L.M.Ps."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"That is what I have already stated. But these are not graduates."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know whether Government are aware that all the students who passed out of the School of Indian Medicine in the Department of Unani, who number 50 to 60, are without employment?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The Government have no information."

Closure of the rural dispensary at Manavalanallur, Tanjore district.

* 1741 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was an Ayurvedic dispensary at Manavalanallur;

(b) whether the same has been shifted to a new place;

(c) whether a new rural dispensary was opened under Dr. S. Muthukumaraswami Pillai, a medical practitioner;

(d) whether the District Medical Officer of Tanjore recommended the opening of this dispensary;

(e) whether it is a fact that it has been closed down from 1st February 1929;

(f) if so, under whose orders;

(g) whether the public of the locality protested against this sudden closure; and

(h) whether the Government will be pleased to order the re-opening of the same?

A.—(a) to (c) Yes.

(d) Vishnupuram was first recommended by the District Medical Officer, but the Board opened the dispensary at Manavalanallur. On reconsideration, the District Medical Officer accepted the latter place.

(e) Yes.

(f) The Board had opened the dispensary without the previous approval of the Government—which it should *not* have done—and thus placed itself under the neces..y of closing it when that approval was not given.

(g) Yes.

(h) The matter will be considered again.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"If the closing of the dispensary is due to the Board not having obtained the permission of Government and if the Government desire that it should be there, why should they stand in the way of opening the dispensary there. Why should the Government interfere with the dispensary which is useful to the public. . . . ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question is not admissible."